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TEXT

TAGS: FR, PGOV, SHUM (BARBIE, KLAUS)
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM CIVIL PARTY LAWYER

REF: LYON 0093 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONGEN WAS VISITED TODAY BY PROMINENT LYON ATTORNEY WHO IS REPRESENTING CIVIL PARTY, COMBATTANTS VOLONTAIRES AND RESISTANTS, IN BARBIE AFFAIR. DURING CONVERSATION, LAWYER GAVE CONSUL GENERAL A LETTER IN WHICH HE ASKED IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THE ILTIS AFFAIR, AND COULD ILTIS BE LOCATED?
2. IN HIS LETTER, AND OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, ATTORNEY EXPLAINED THAT ILTIS WAS LUCIEN ILTIS, BORN MAY 15, 1903, MANNHEIM, GERMANY. SINCE 1926, ILTIS HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY, HAD STUDIED AT THE LENIN SCHOOL IN MOSCOW, AND, HAD IN THE 1930S GONE TO ALSACE, WHERE HE, AS A MEMBER OF THE COMINTERN, HAD BEEN CHIEF EDITOR OF THE COMMUNIST, L'HUMANISTE D'ALSACE ET DE LORRAINE. DURING THE WAR, AND AFTER SEVERAL ARRESTS AND INCARCERATIONS, ILTIS WAS CONSIDERED BY THE NAZIS TO HAVE GONE OVER TO THEM AND

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ALLEGEDLY TURNED OVER TO THEM, SPECIFICALLY **KLAUS BARBIE**, THE LYON HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMUNIST FRANCS-TIJEURS AND PARTISANS. INVOLVED WERE SOME 30 REGIONAL COMMUNIST VARTISAN LEADERS, WHO WERE ALL SHOT OR DEPORTED IN MAY, 1944. THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED SUGGEST THAT THE REAL MOTIVATION FOR ILTIS HAVING TURNED OVER HIS FELLOW COMMUNISTS WAS BECAUSE GF SOME INSTRUCTION FROM MOSCOW. IN ANY EVENT, AFTER THE LIBERATION ILTIS WAS PROSECUTED FOR TREASON BY THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES, RELEASED BECAUSE OF A NATIONALITY TECHNICALITY, AND HAD LIVED AT 160 SCHWARTZWALDSTRASS, THEN 11 BATTONSTRASSE, FRANKFURT, F.R.G., UNTIL SOME TIME BEFORE 1970, WHEN HE DISAPPEARED AND WAS ASSUMED TO HAVE MOVED TO THE D.D.R.

3. ATTORNEYS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE ILTIS AFFAIRS IS THAT HE INTENDS TO CALL AS WITNESSES SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE FRANCS-TIREURS ET PARTISANS. IN THAT CONNECTION, ATTORNEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANYNOFFICIAL INFORMATION ON ILTIS IN U.S. HANDS, OR BETTER, ANY INFORMATION ON WHERE ILTIS COULD BE LOCATED.

4. CONSUL GENERAL AGREED TO FORWARD ATTORNEYS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. PLEASE ADVISE.
VALERGA

ADMIN
END OF MESSAGE

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